

REMARKS

In response to an Office Communication dated October 3, 2007 in which a restriction/election requirement was made final, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Elected claims 15-20, 22-37, 39-43, 64, 70, 78, 98, 104, 112 and 114-117 (including independent claims 15, 28, 36, 64, 70, 78, 98, 104 and 112) are allowed.

In this paper, Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 44-47, and 51 to depend from allowed independent claim 28, such that claims 1, 9, 29-35, 44-63, 66-69, 71-77, and 79 all depend from claim 28. Dependent claims 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 74, 75, 76, and 79 have been amended to ensure proper antecedent basis.

Additionally, claims 81-84, 89, 90, 103, 105, 106, and 108 have been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 112, such that claims 81-87, 89-95, 100, 101, 103, and 105-109 all depend from claim 112.

Finally, claims 2-8, 10-14, 80, 88, 96, 97, 102, 110, 111, 113 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer (claims 21, 38, 65, and 99 previously were canceled).

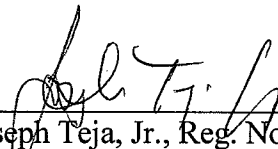
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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